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USEEC, PARIS ALSO FOR USOECD
BELGRADE FOR USDEL CSCE
GENEVA FOR USDEL MTN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EEC, US, EEWT, MTN
SUBJ: REQUEST BY EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL FOR CONSULTATION
ON EAST-WEST TRADE

1. MISSION OFFICER, ACCOMPANIED BY KAREN TAYLOR OF
DOC/BEWT, MET SEPTEMBER 9 WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIAL
RESPONSIBLE FOR RELATIONS WITH STATE-TRADING COUNTRIES,
LOUIS KAWAN, FOR A DISCUSSION OF BASKET II ISSUES AT
BELGRADE. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS MEETING, KAWAN
EMPHASIZED HIS DESIRE TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES IN GENEVA, PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF
BELGRADE ON OCTOBER 4, TO DISCUSS WHAT THE WESTERN
COUNTRIES MIGHT ASK OF THE EASTERN COUNTRIES AS RECIPROCITY
FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS IN THE MTN. WHEN QUERIED AS TO
WHETHER HE EXPECTED THE EC TO RAISE THIS AS AN ISSUE AT
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BELGRADE, HE REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO RAISE
THE ISSUE OF RECIPROCITY IN GENERAL TERMS, BUT ONLY IN
RESPONSE TO POSSIBLE ATTACKS BY THE EASTERN SIDE. HE
GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS ANXIOUS TO HOLD THESE
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE U.S. BECAUSE THE PACE OF
ACTIVITY AT THE MTN WAS PICKING UP AND BECAUSE HE
ANTICIPATED HE WOULD HAVE TO BE IN BELGRADE FOR WHAT

COULD BE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TIME. HE HAD, OF COURSE, BEEN AT BELGRADE I THIS SUMMER.

2. KAWAN WENT SO FAR AS TO SET OUT HIS SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT MONTH, INDICATING THAT SEPTEMBER 19 WOULD BE A GOOD TIME FOR HIM TO GO TO GENEVA, OR AFTER SEPTEMBER 25. HE DISCUSSED WITH SOME SPECIFICITY SOME INFORMAL THOUGHTS HE HAS HAD REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF REQUESTING ABSOLUTE INCREASES IN IMPORTS BY THE EASTERN COUNTRIESHPGALWPOZA(? PRODUCTS BUT ADDED THAT HE RECOGNIZES THERE COULD BE MANY WAYS TO APPROACH THIS PROBLEM AND THAT HE IS ANXIOUS TO EXPLORE THE ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH THE U.S.

3. MISSION COMMENT: KAWAN'S REQUEST DOES NOT REFLECT ANY FORMAL EC POSITION BUT APPEARS, RATHER, TO BE SIMPLY AN OPTION HE IS HIMSELF EXPLORING. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S (AND GENEVA'S) GUIDANCE ON HOW TO RESPOND TO KAWAN'S REQUEST FOR EARLY INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH OUR MTN DELEGATION IN GENEVA, AS WELL AS ANY COMMENTS YOU MIGHT WISH US TO PASS TO KAWAN ON THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS. HINTON

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